

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



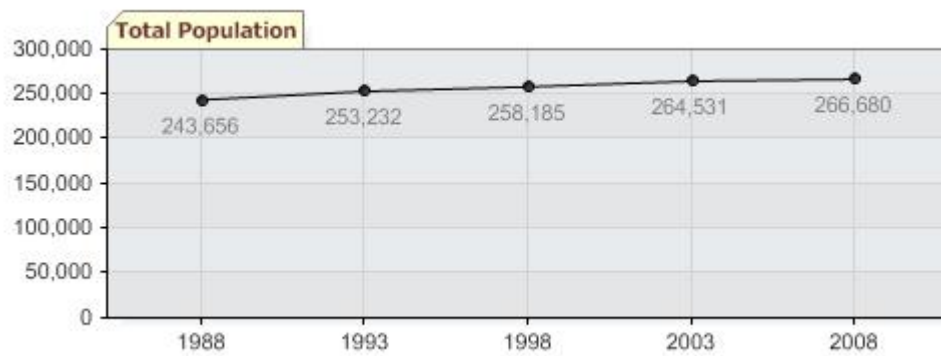
Location

St. Joseph County is located in Mid-Northern Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Marshall County. The County is adjacent to Elkhart County on the east, the State of Michigan is to the north, and LaPorte County to the west. St. Joseph County is one of the five counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 2.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

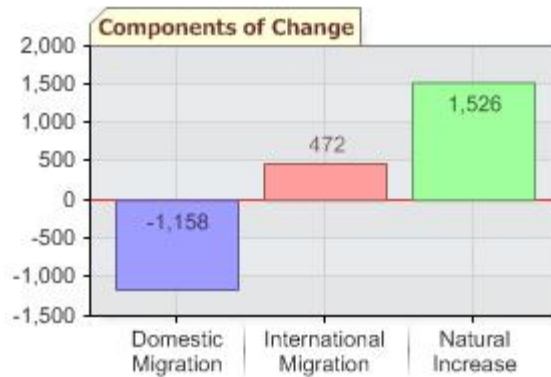
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	243,656	253,232	258,185	264,531	266,680
Change Since 1988		9,576	14,529	20,875	23,024
Pct. Change Since 1988		3.9%	6.0%	8.6%	9.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-1,158
International Migration	472
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	1,526
Births	3,863
Deaths	2,337



Source: US Census Bureau

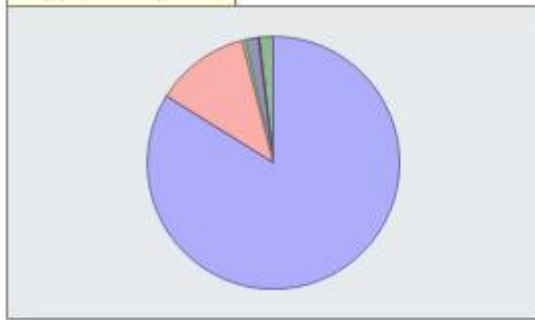
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	18,950	7.1%
School Age	48,634	18.3%
College Age	30,557	11.5%
Young Adult	66,582	25.1%
Older Adult	66,946	25.2%
Older (65 plus)	34,419	13.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	1,054	0.4%
Asian Alone	4,578	1.7%
Black Alone	32,254	12.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	227	0.1%
White Alone	223,125	84.0%
Two or More Race Groups	4,850	1.8%

Population by Race

83.96 %	White
12.14 %	Black
0.40 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
1.72 %	Asian
0.09 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
1.82 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	249,771	94.0%
Hispanic or Latino	16,317	6.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

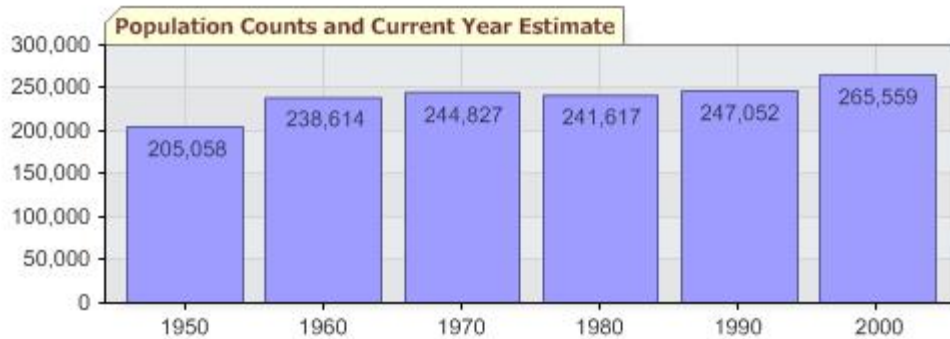
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	100,743	100.0%
Family Households	66,802	66.3%
Married with Children	22,247	22.1%
Married without Children	28,122	27.9%
Single Parents	10,013	9.9%
Other	6,420	6.4%
Non-family Households	33,941	33.7%
Living Alone	28,149	27.9%
Average Household Size	2.64	
Average Family Household Size	3.98	

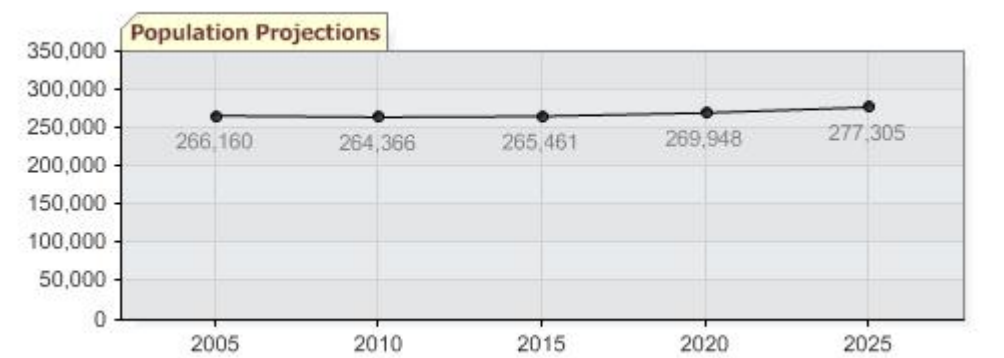
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	205,058	NA	NA
1960	238,614	33,556	16.4%
1970	244,827	6,213	2.6%
1980	241,617	-3,210	-1.3%
1990	247,052	5,435	2.2%
April 2000	265,559	18,507	7.5%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



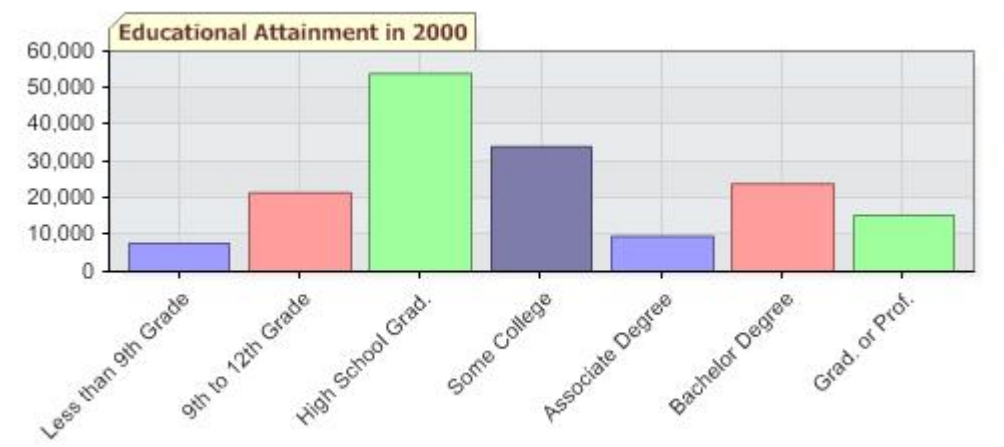
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	266,160	264,366	265,461	269,948	277,305
Change Since 2005		-1,794	-699	3,788	11,145
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.7%	-0.3%	1.4%	4.2%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

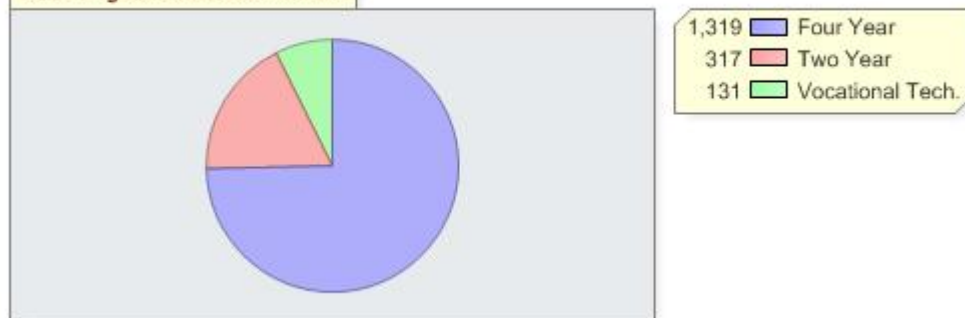
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	131,178	140,911	154,443	166,060
Less than 9th Grade	32,414	21,035	11,545	7,751
9th to 12th, No Diploma	27,933	24,672	25,424	21,484
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	47,010	56,411	53,175	53,901
Some College, No Degree			26,288	34,063
Associate Degree			8,322	9,623
Bachelors Degree			17,179	23,893
Graduate or Professional Degree			12,510	15,345



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	2,146	2,185	2,220	2,195
Total to Higher Education	1,665	1,654	1,879	1,767
Four-Year Institution	1,247	1,272	1,406	1,319
Two-Year Institution	294	252	288	317
Vocational/Tech.	124	130	185	131
Military	62	49	62	43

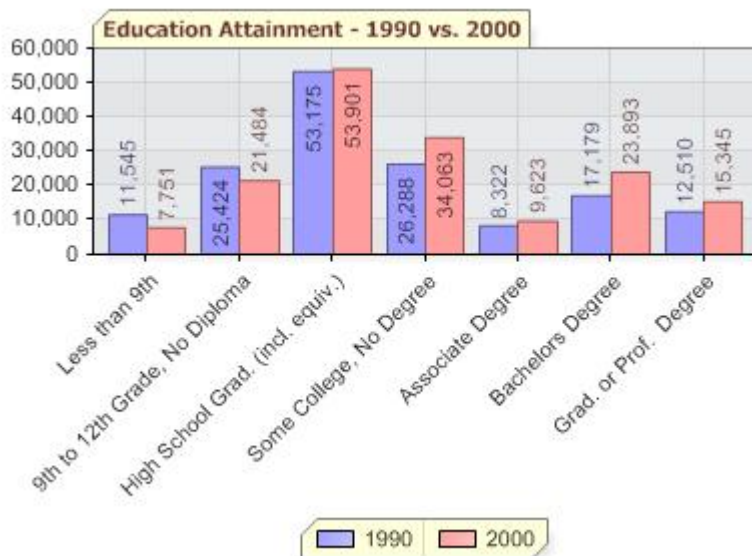
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	154,443	100.0%	166,060	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	11,545	7.5%	7,751	4.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	25,424	16.5%	21,484	12.9%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	53,175	34.4%	53,901	32.5%
Some College, No Degree	26,288	17.0%	34,063	20.5%
Associate Degree	8,322	5.4%	9,623	5.8%
Bachelors Degree	17,179	11.1%	23,893	14.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	12,510	8.1%	15,345	9.2%

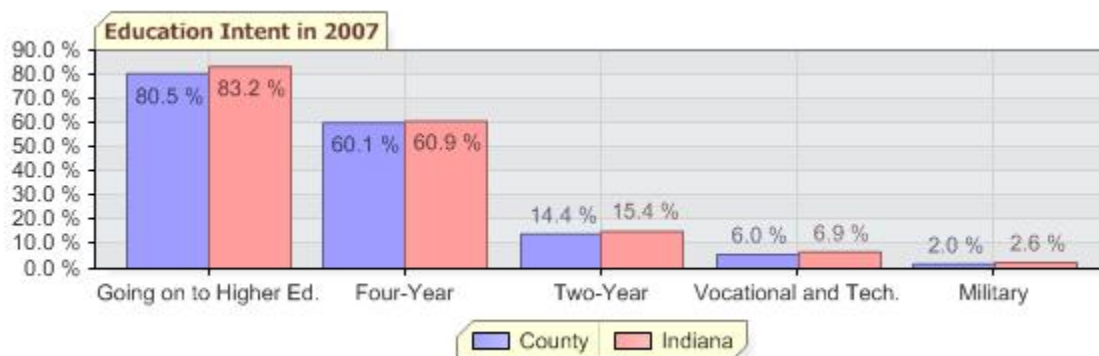


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	80.5%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	60.1%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	14.4%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	6.0%	6.9%
Military	2.0%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

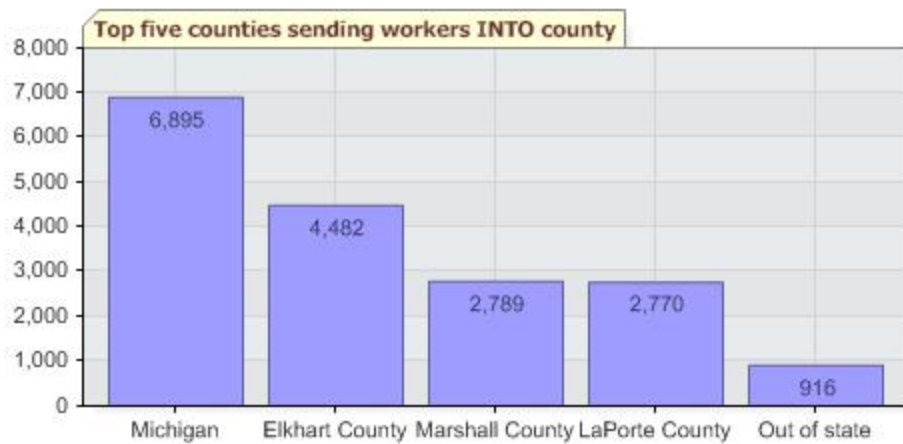
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	168,755
Number of tax filers who work in the county	170,826
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	149,872
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	20,954

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

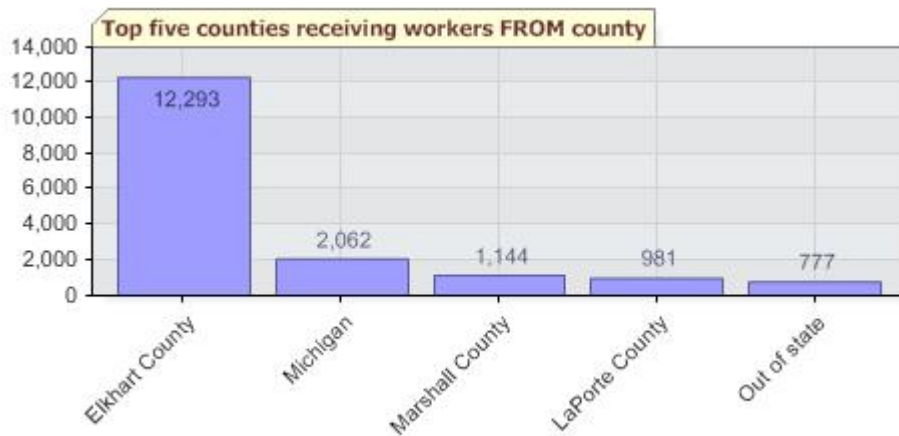
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Michigan	6,895	40.2%
Elkhart County	4,482	26.1%
Marshall County	2,789	16.3%
LaPorte County	2,770	16.1%
Out of state	916	4.9%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Elkhart County	12,293	71.2%
Michigan	2,062	11.9%
Marshall County	1,144	6.6%
LaPorte County	981	5.7%
Out of state	777	4.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

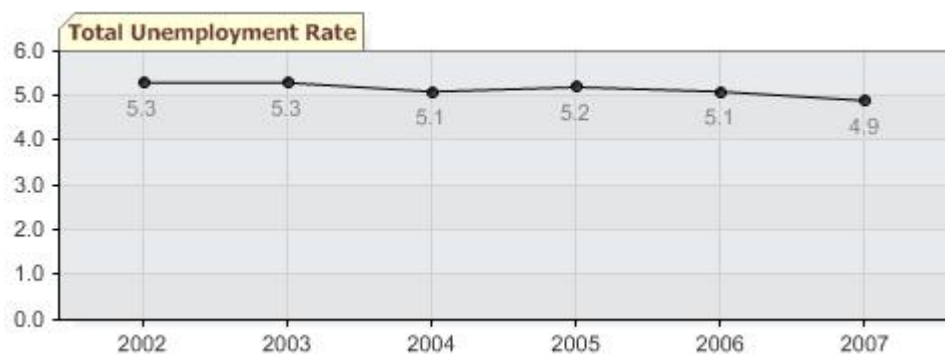
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	125,416	100.0%
Travel To Work	122,150	97.4%
Car, Truck, or Van	114,769	91.5%
Traveled Alone	101,828	81.2%
Carpooled	12,941	10.3%
Used Public Transportation	1,555	1.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	5,826	4.6%
Worked At Home	3,266	2.6%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	20.2	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	33.5	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

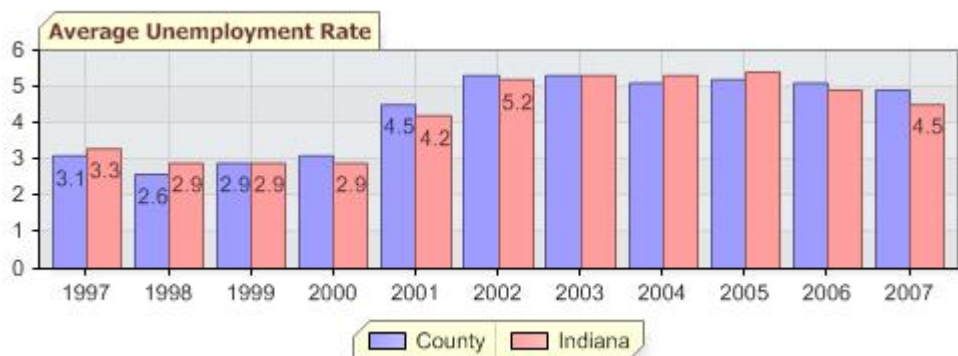
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	133,337	-1.2%
Employed	126,831	-3.0%
Unemployed	6,506	56.3%
Rate	4.9	58.1%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	138,059	133,745	4,314	3.1	3.3
1998	137,591	133,971	3,620	2.6	2.9
1999	137,018	132,999	4,019	2.9	2.9
2000	134,949	130,787	4,162	3.1	2.9
2001	133,390	127,399	5,991	4.5	4.2
2002	133,433	126,318	7,115	5.3	5.2
2003	131,756	124,725	7,031	5.3	5.3
2004	132,597	125,805	6,792	5.1	5.3
2005	133,939	126,932	7,007	5.2	5.4
2006	134,788	127,921	6,867	5.1	4.9
2007	133,337	126,831	6,506	4.9	4.5



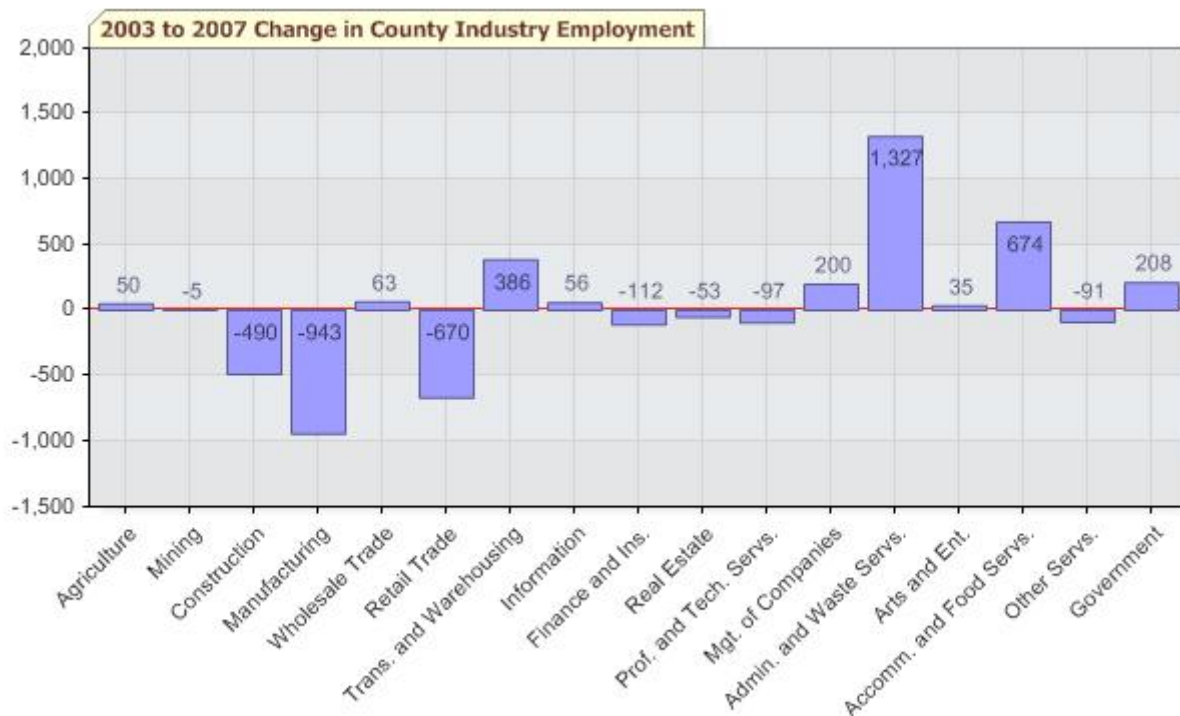
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Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	122,268	123,566	124,893	123,815	123,917	1,649	1.35%
Total Private Employment	108,675	109,776	110,984	109,971	110,116	1,441	1.33%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	104	104	107	184	154	50	48.08%
Mining	17	18	17	14	12	-5	-29.41%
Construction	6,055	6,080	5,847	5,759	5,565	-490	-8.09%
Manufacturing	18,278	18,489	18,463	17,855	17,335	-943	-5.16%
Wholesale Trade	6,388	6,167	6,333	6,550	6,451	63	0.99%
Retail Trade	15,846	15,253	14,989	15,062	15,176	-670	-4.23%
Transport. and Warehousing	2,898	3,193	3,198	3,311	3,284	386	13.32%
Utilities	285	285	287	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	2,031	2,276	2,171	2,116	2,087	56	2.76%
Finance and Insurance	4,582	4,469	4,437	4,592	4,470	-112	-2.44%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	2,105	2,119	2,115	2,080	2,052	-53	-2.52%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	4,673	4,436	4,311	4,518	4,576	-97	-2.08%
Mgmt. of Companies	866	832	862	877	1,066	200	23.09%
Admin. and Waste Services	5,255	6,264	7,223	6,208	6,582	1,327	25.25%
Educational Services	8,561	8,755	9,142	9,057	9,151	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,336	16,285	16,554	16,586	16,853	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	1,264	1,298	1,241	1,298	1,299	35	2.77%
Accommodation and Food Service	9,100	9,552	9,735	9,702	9,774	674	7.41%
Other Services	4,030	3,902	3,954	3,912	3,939	-91	-2.26%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	13,593	13,790	13,909	13,844	13,801	208	1.53%

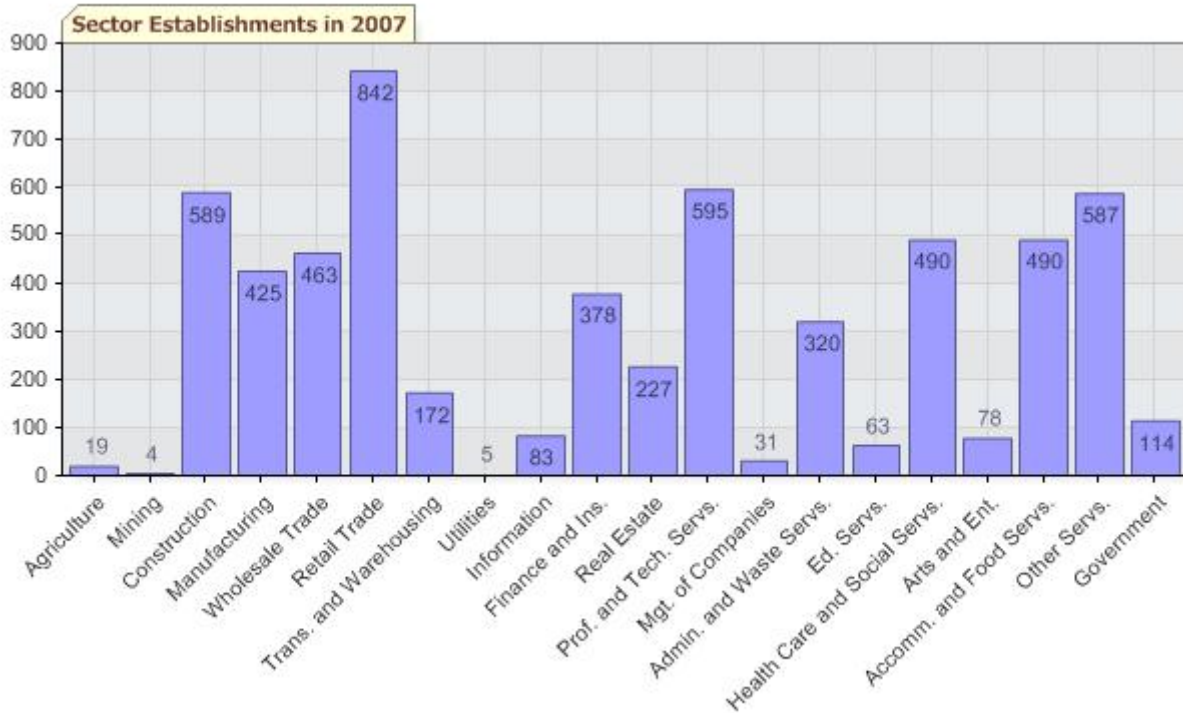


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	5,982	5,992	5,945	5,934	5,976	-6	-0.10%
Total Private Establishments	5,880	5,890	5,842	5,831	5,862	-18	-0.31%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	17	20	19	17	19	2	11.76%
Mining	3	3	4	4	4	1	33.33%
Construction	639	639	627	613	589	-50	-7.82%
Manufacturing	446	436	438	428	425	-21	-4.71%
Wholesale Trade	459	454	449	461	463	4	0.87%
Retail Trade	887	867	846	852	842	-45	-5.07%
Transport. and Warehousing	154	157	162	169	172	18	11.69%
Utilities	6	5	5	D	D	-1	-16.67%
Information	87	88	89	86	83	-4	-4.60%
Finance and Insurance	399	408	396	379	378	-21	-5.26%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	205	215	216	221	227	22	10.73%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	574	569	581	590	595	21	3.66%
Mgmt. of Companies	27	27	29	28	31	4	14.81%
Admin. and Waste Services	296	306	295	297	320	24	8.11%
Educational Services	58	60	62	61	63	5	8.62%
Health Care and Social Assistance	483	490	492	493	490	7	1.45%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	75	78	76	78	78	3	4.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	486	495	488	480	490	4	0.82%
Other Services	579	573	569	570	587	8	1.38%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	102	102	103	103	114	12	11.76%



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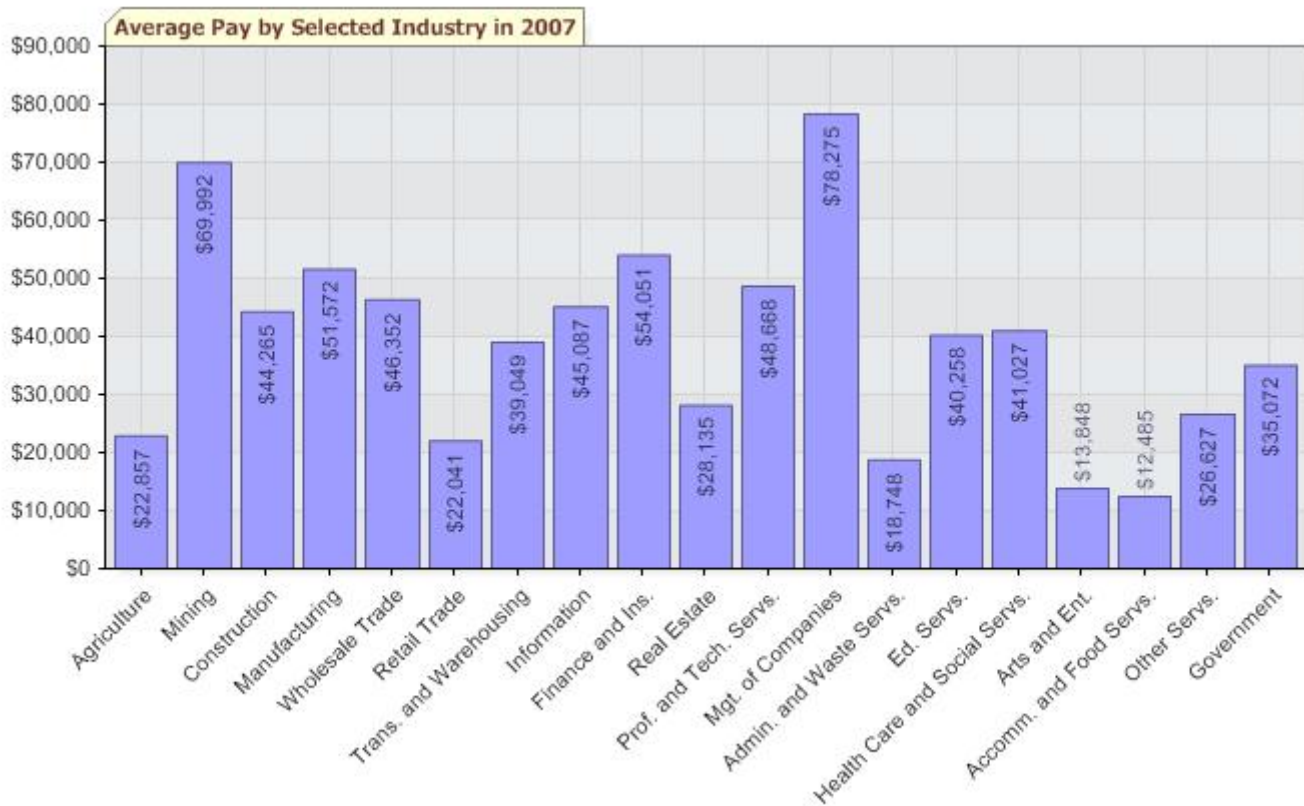
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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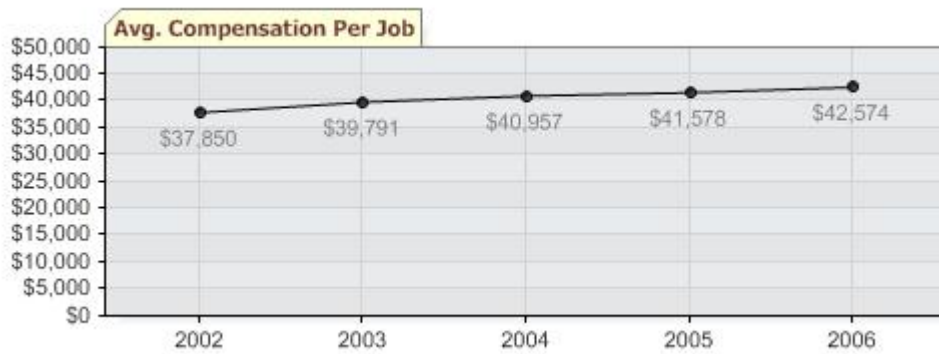
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$32,863	\$36,610	\$3,747	11.4%	\$37,530	97.5%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$20,554	\$22,857	\$2,303	11.2%	\$28,008	81.6%
Mining	\$49,715	\$69,992	\$20,277	40.8%	\$57,315	122.1%
Construction	\$39,543	\$44,265	\$4,722	11.9%	\$44,754	98.9%
Manufacturing	\$44,322	\$51,572	\$7,250	16.4%	\$51,148	100.8%
Wholesale Trade	\$41,611	\$46,352	\$4,742	11.4%	\$51,432	90.1%
Retail Trade	\$20,849	\$22,041	\$1,192	5.7%	\$22,581	97.6%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$36,054	\$39,049	\$2,995	8.3%	\$38,012	102.7%
Utilities	\$59,907	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$39,045	\$45,087	\$6,042	15.5%	\$46,311	97.4%
Finance & Insurance	\$43,117	\$54,051	\$10,934	25.4%	\$52,649	102.7%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$24,773	\$28,135	\$3,362	13.6%	\$32,614	86.3%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$42,908	\$48,668	\$5,760	13.4%	\$51,451	94.6%
Mgt.of Companies	\$78,899	\$78,275	-\$624	-0.8%	\$72,682	107.7%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$17,710	\$18,748	\$1,038	5.9%	\$24,934	75.2%
Education Svcs.	\$36,173	\$40,258	\$4,085	11.3%	\$31,029	129.7%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$36,053	\$41,027	\$4,974	13.8%	\$37,706	108.8%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$13,963	\$13,848	-\$115	-0.8%	\$29,251	47.3%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$11,368	\$12,485	\$1,118	9.8%	\$12,442	100.3%
Other Svcs.	\$23,688	\$26,627	\$2,938	12.4%	\$24,862	107.1%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$32,497	\$35,072	\$2,574	7.9%	\$37,054	94.6%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

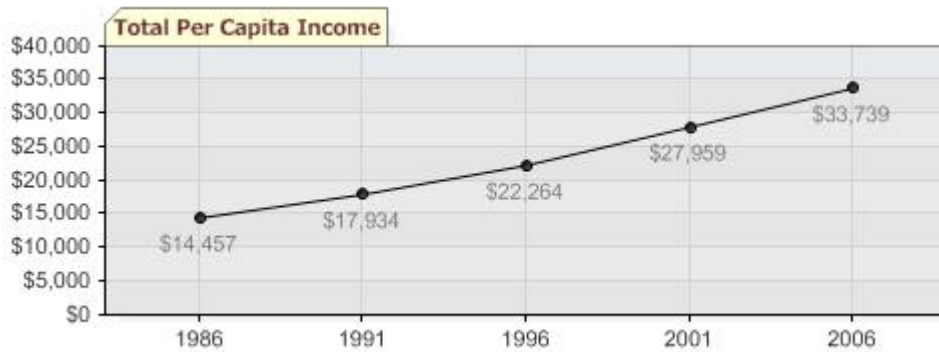
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$37,850	\$39,791	\$40,957	\$41,578	\$42,574
Change Since 2002		\$1,941	\$3,107	\$3,728	\$4,724
Pct. Change Since 2002		5.1%	8.2%	9.8%	12.5%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$14,457	\$17,934	\$22,264	\$27,959	\$33,739
Change Since 1986		\$3,477	\$7,807	\$13,502	\$19,282
Pct. Change Since 1986		24.1%	54.0%	93.4%	133.4%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	\$57,076
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	\$44,260
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$36,610
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	37.7%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

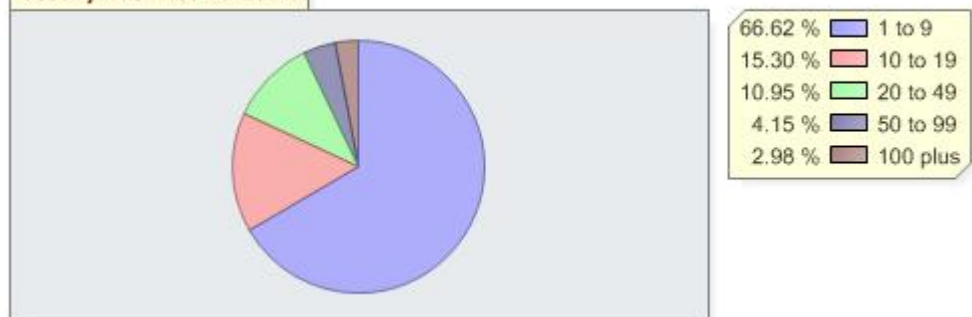
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County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	4,241	-102	-2.3%	66.6%
10-19 employees	974	1	0.1%	15.3%
20-49 employees	697	1	0.1%	10.9%

50-99 employees	264	26	10.9%	4.1%
100 plus employees	190	-16	-7.8%	3.0%
TOTAL	6,366	-90	-1.4%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

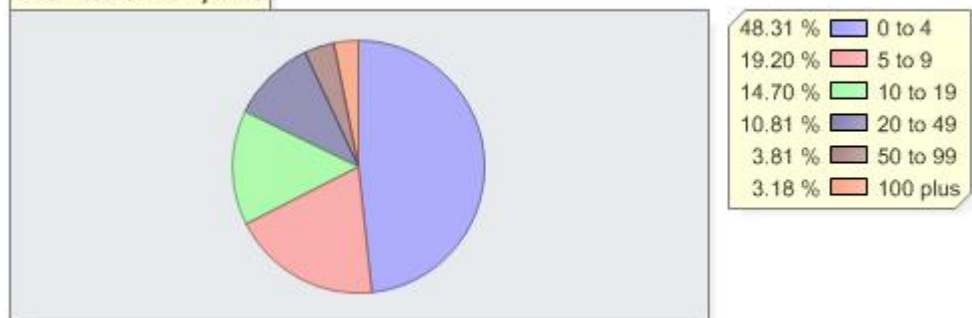


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	2,919	48.3%
5 to 9 employees	1,160	19.2%
10 to 19 employees	888	14.7%
20 to 49 employees	653	10.8%
50 to 99 employees	230	3.8%
100 plus employees	192	3.2%
TOTAL	6,042	100.0%

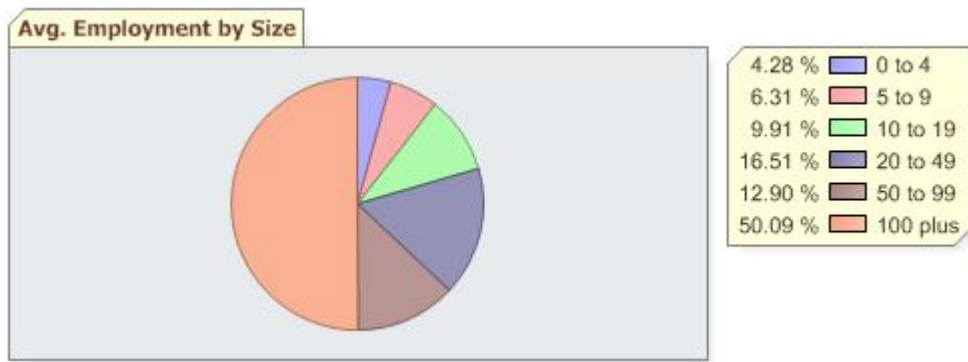
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	5,210	4.3%
5 to 9 employees	7,678	6.3%
10 to 19 employees	12,067	9.9%
20 to 49 employees	20,109	16.5%
50 to 99 employees	15,707	12.9%
100 plus employees	61,001	50.1%
TOTAL	121,771	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.